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TITLE: METHOD FOR GENERATING AN IMAGE BY MEANS OF A
TOMOGRAPHY CAPABLE X-RAY DEVICE WITH MULTI-ROW
X-RAY DETECTOR ARRAY"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,173,033

AB United States Patent No. 6,014,419

AC United States Patent No. 5,315,628

AD United States Patent No. 5,270,926

AE United States Patent No. 5,170,439

AT "Advanced Single-Slice Rebinning In Cone-Beam Spiral CT,"

Kacheltriess et al, Med. Phys. Vol. 27, No. 4 (2000) pages 754-772.

AU "Novel Approximate Approach For High-Quality Image Reconstruction in Helical Cone Beam CT At Arbitrary Pitch," Schaller et al, SPIE Med. Imag. Conf., Vol. 4322 (2001), pages 113-127.

AV "Exact Radon Rebinning Algorithm for the Long Object Problem in Helical Cone-Beam CT," Schaller et al, IEEE Trans. On Medical Imaging, Vol. 19, No. 5 (May 2000) pages 361-375.

AW "Cone-Beam Filteredj-Backprojection Algorithm For Truncated Helical Data," Kudo et al, Phys. Med. Biol., Vol. 43 (1998) pages 2885-2909.

AX "An Inversion Formula For Cone-Beam Reconstruction," Tuy, SIAM J. on App. Mathematics, Vol. 43, No. 3 (1983) pages 546-552.

AY "A Cone-Beam Tomography Algorithm for Orthogonal Circle-and-Line Orbit," Zeng et al, Phys. Med. Biol., Vol. 37, No. 3 (1992) pages 563-577.

AZ "Digitale Detektorsysteme für die Projektionsradiographie," Schulz, Fortschritte auf Dem Gebiel der Röntgenstrahlen und der Bildgebenden Verfahren, Vol. 173 (2001) pages 1137-1146.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA corresponds to German PS 197 21 536 and Reference AC corresponds to German PS 42 23 430 which, together with all the other above-cited references, were identified and discussed in the present specification. Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

All of the references are in English with the exception of Reference AZ, and therefore no further commentary concerning these English language references is necessary. A translation of Reference AZ is not readily available to the Applicants, however, Reference AZ includes an English language abstract in the text thereof.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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